

FISCAL NOTE

HB 620 - SB 1295

March 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires existing fire stations to submit a plan to make them “gender-friendly” if the station does not currently meet that standard and requires new fire stations constructed after passage of the bill to be constructed in a “gender-friendly” manner.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$120,000/One-Time*

Other Fiscal Impact – If new fire stations are built after passage of the bill that would not have been constructed in a “gender-friendly” manner in the absence of this bill, there will be an increase in local government expenditures that could reasonably be estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.

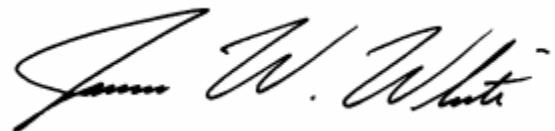
Assumptions:

- Approximately 200 fire stations will have to submit the plan required by the bill. It is assumed that it will cost approximately \$600 per station to produce such a plan. This will result in a one-time increase in local government expenditures of \$120,000.
- Most fire stations in the state meet the standards required by the bill. The majority that do not meet these standards are small volunteer department stations.
- Stations not meeting the required standards will have to submit a plan on how they can achieve the standards but will not be required to implement the plan.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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